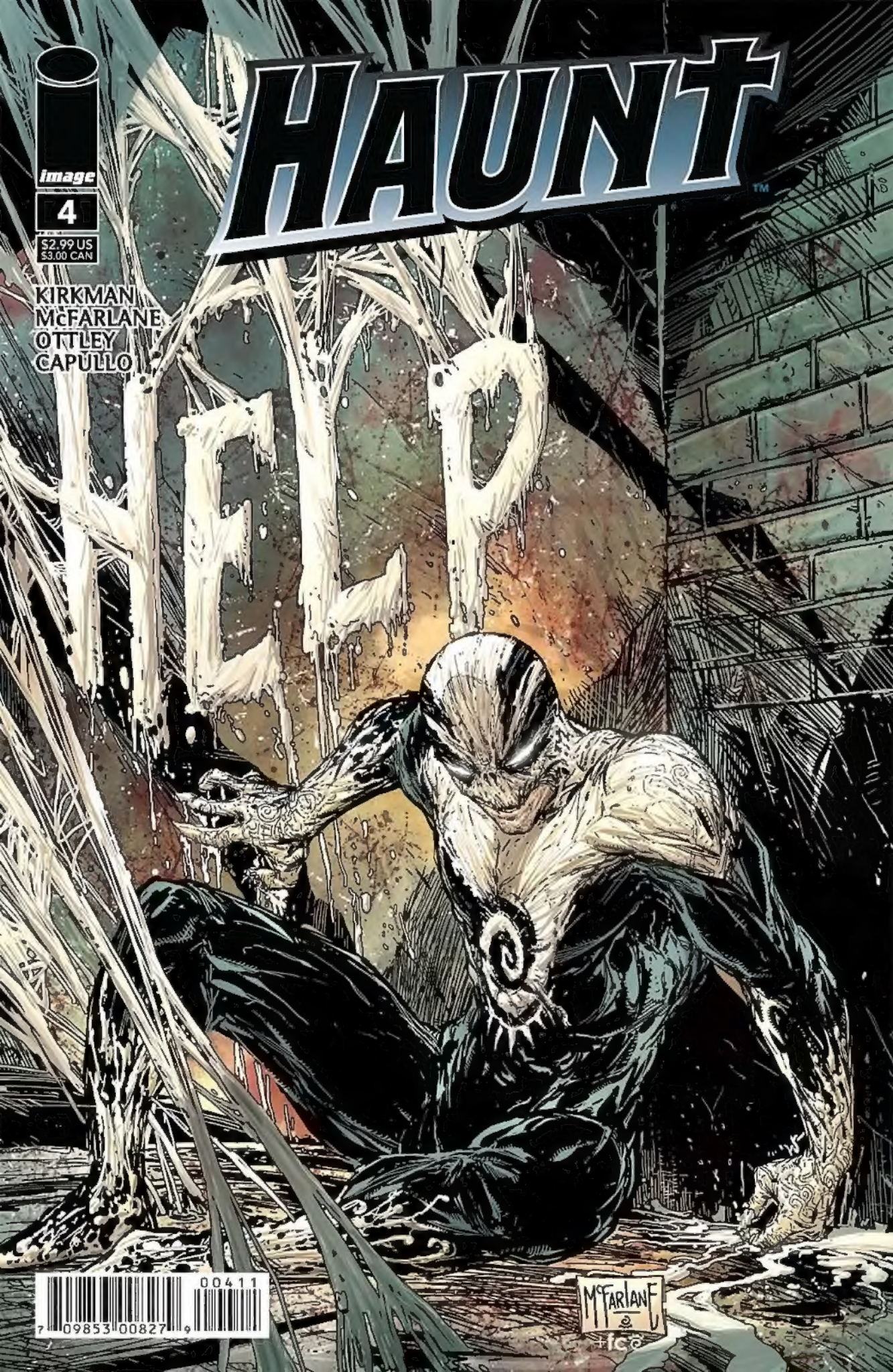
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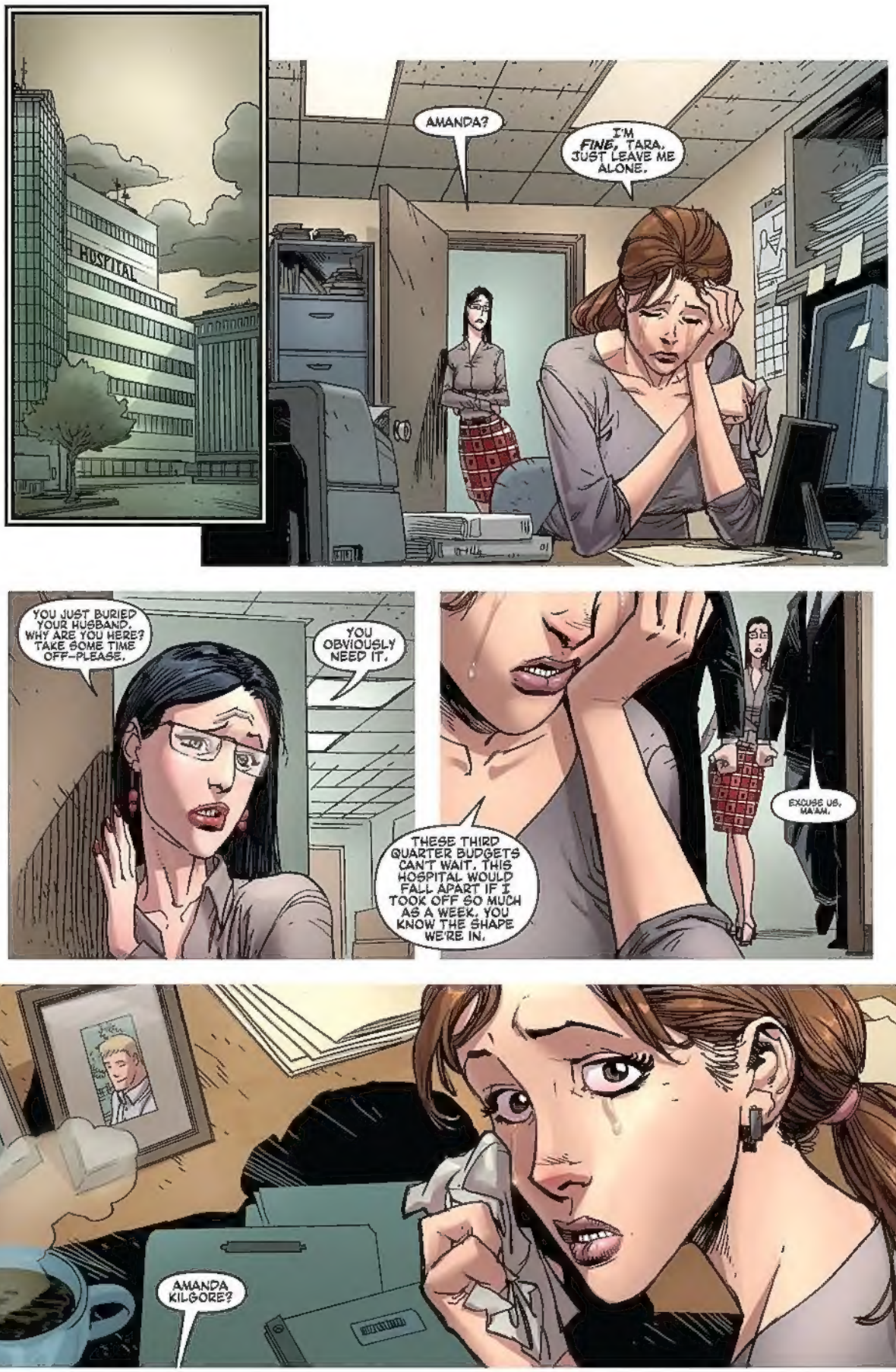
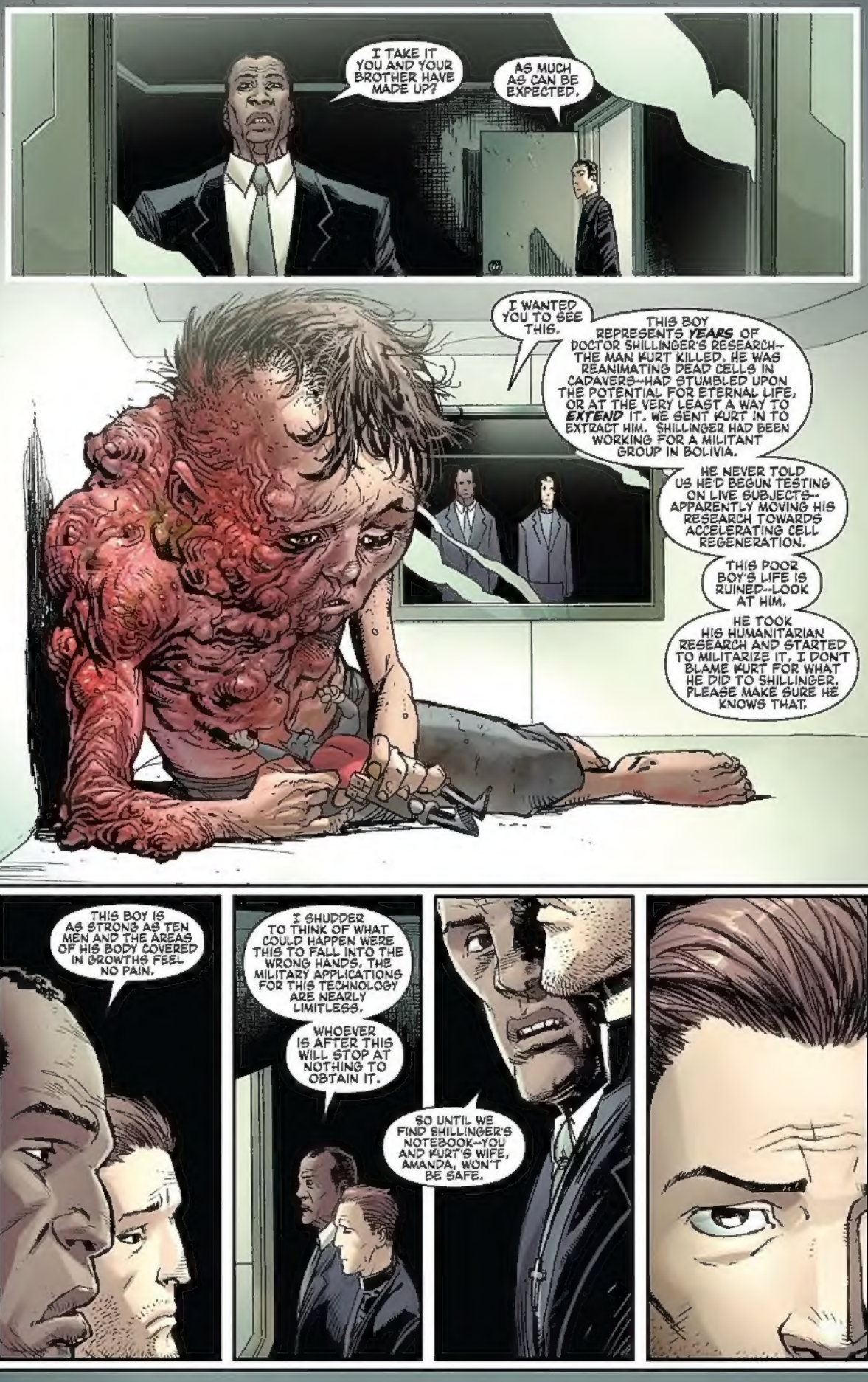
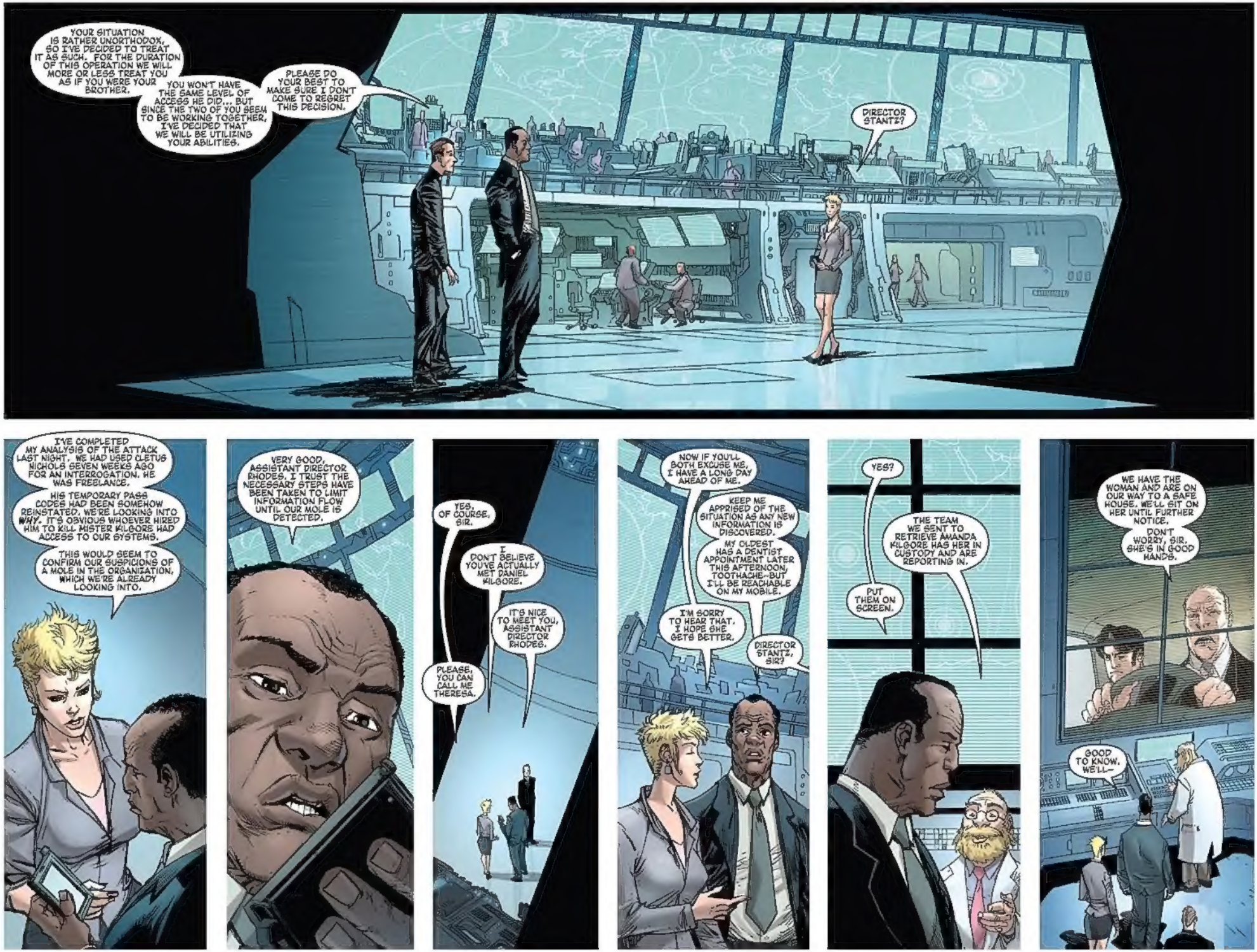

HOSPITAL
AMANDA?
I'M FINE, TARA. JUST LEAVE ME ALONE.
YOU JUST BURIED YOUR HUSBAND. WHY ARE YOU HERE? TAKE SOME TIME OFF--PLEASE.
YOU OBVIOUSLY NEED IT.
THESE THIRD QUARTER BUDGETS CAN'T WAIT. THIS HOSPITAL WOULD FALL APART IF I TOOK OFF SO MUCH AS A WEEK. YOU KNOW THE SHAPE WE'RE IN.
EXCUSE US, MA'AM.
AMANDA KILGORE?

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR WORKDAY, BUT I'M GOING TO NEED YOU TO COME WITH US *IMMEDIATELY.*
CAN I SEE SOME IDENTIFICATION, PLEASE?
THIS WILL HAVE TO DO FOR NOW.


I TAKE IT YOU AND YOUR BROTHER HAVE MADE UP?
AS MUCH AS CAN BE EXPECTED.
I WANTED YOU TO SEE THIS.
THIS BOY REPRESENTS YEARS OF DOCTOR SHILLINGER'S RESEARCH--THE MAN KURT KILLED. HE WAS REANIMATING DEAD CELLS IN CADAVERS--HAD STUMBLED UPON THE POTENTIAL FOR ETERNAL LIFE, OR AT THE VERY LEAST A WAY TO EXTEND IT. WE SENT KURT IN TO EXTRACT HIM. SHILLINGER HAD BEEN WORKING FOR A MILITANT GROUP IN BOLIVIA.
HE NEVER TOLD US HE'D BEGUN TESTING ON LIVE SUBJECTS--APPARENTLY MOVING HIS RESEARCH TOWARDS ACCELERATING CELL REGENERATION.
THIS POOR BOY'S LIFE IS RUINED--LOOK AT HIM.
HE TOOK HIS HUMANITARIAN RESEARCH AND STARTED TO MILITARIZE IT. I DON'T BLAME KURT FOR WHAT HE DID TO SHILLINGER. PLEASE MAKE SURE HE KNOWS THAT.
THIS BOY IS AS STRONG AS TEN MEN AND THE AREAS OF HIS BODY COVERED IN GROWTHS FEEL NO PAIN.
I SHUDDER TO THINK OF WHAT COULD HAPPEN WERE THIS TO FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS. THE MILITARY APPLICATIONS FOR THIS TECHNOLOGY ARE NEARLY LIMITLESS.
WHOEVER IS AFTER THIS WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO OBTAIN IT.
SO UNTIL WE FIND SHILLINGER'S NOTEBOOK--YOU AND KURT'S WIFE, AMANDA, WON'T BE SAFE.


YOUR SITUATION IS RATHER UNORTHODOX, SO I'VE DECIDED TO TREAT IT AS SUCH. FOR THE DURATION OF THIS OPERATION WE WILL MORE OR LESS TREAT YOU AS IF YOU WERE YOUR BROTHER.
YOU WON'T HAVE THE SAME LEVEL OF ACCESS HE DID... BUT SINCE THE TWO OF YOU SEEM TO BE WORKING TOGETHER, I'VE DECIDED THAT WE WILL BE UTILIZING YOUR ABILITIES.
PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO MAKE SURE I DON'T COME TO REGRET THIS DECISION.
DIRECTOR STANTZ?
I'VE COMPLETED MY ANALYSIS OF THE ATTACK LAST NIGHT. WE HAD USED CLETUS NICHOLS SEVEN WEEKS AGO FOR AN INTERROGATION. HE WAS FREELANCE.
HIS TEMPORARY PASS CODES HAD BEEN SOMEHOW REINSTATED. WE'RE LOOKING INTO WHY. IT'S OBVIOUS WHOEVER HIRED HIM TO KILL MISTER KILGORE HAD ACCESS TO OUR SYSTEMS.
THIS WOULD SEEM TO CONFIRM OUR SUSPICIONS OF A MOLE IN THE ORGANIZATION, WHICH WE'RE ALREADY LOOKING INTO.
VERY GOOD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR RHODES. I TRUST THE NECESSARY STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO LIMIT INFORMATION FLOW UNTIL OUR MOLE IS DETECTED.
YES, OF COURSE, SIR.
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU'VE ACTUALLY MET DANIEL KILGORE.
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR RHODES.
PLEASE, YOU CAN CALL ME THERESA.
NOW IF YOU'LL BOTH EXCUSE ME, I HAVE A LONG DAY AHEAD OF ME.
KEEP ME APPRISED OF THE SITUATION AS ANY NEW INFORMATION IS DISCOVERED.
MY OLDEST HAS A DENTIST APPOINTMENT LATER THIS AFTERNOON, TOOTHACHE--BUT I'LL BE REACHABLE ON MY MOBILE.
I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT. I HOPE SHE GETS BETTER.
DIRECTOR STANTZ, SIR?
YES?
THE TEAM WE SENT TO RETRIEVE AMANDA KILGORE HAS HER IN CUSTODY AND ARE REPORTING IN.
PUT THEM ON SCREEN.
WE HAVE THE WOMAN AND ARE ON OUR WAY TO A SAFE HOUSE. WE'LL SIT ON HER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
DON'T WORRY, SIR. SHE'S IN GOOD HANDS.
GOOD TO KNOW. WE'LL—

FUNT FUNT
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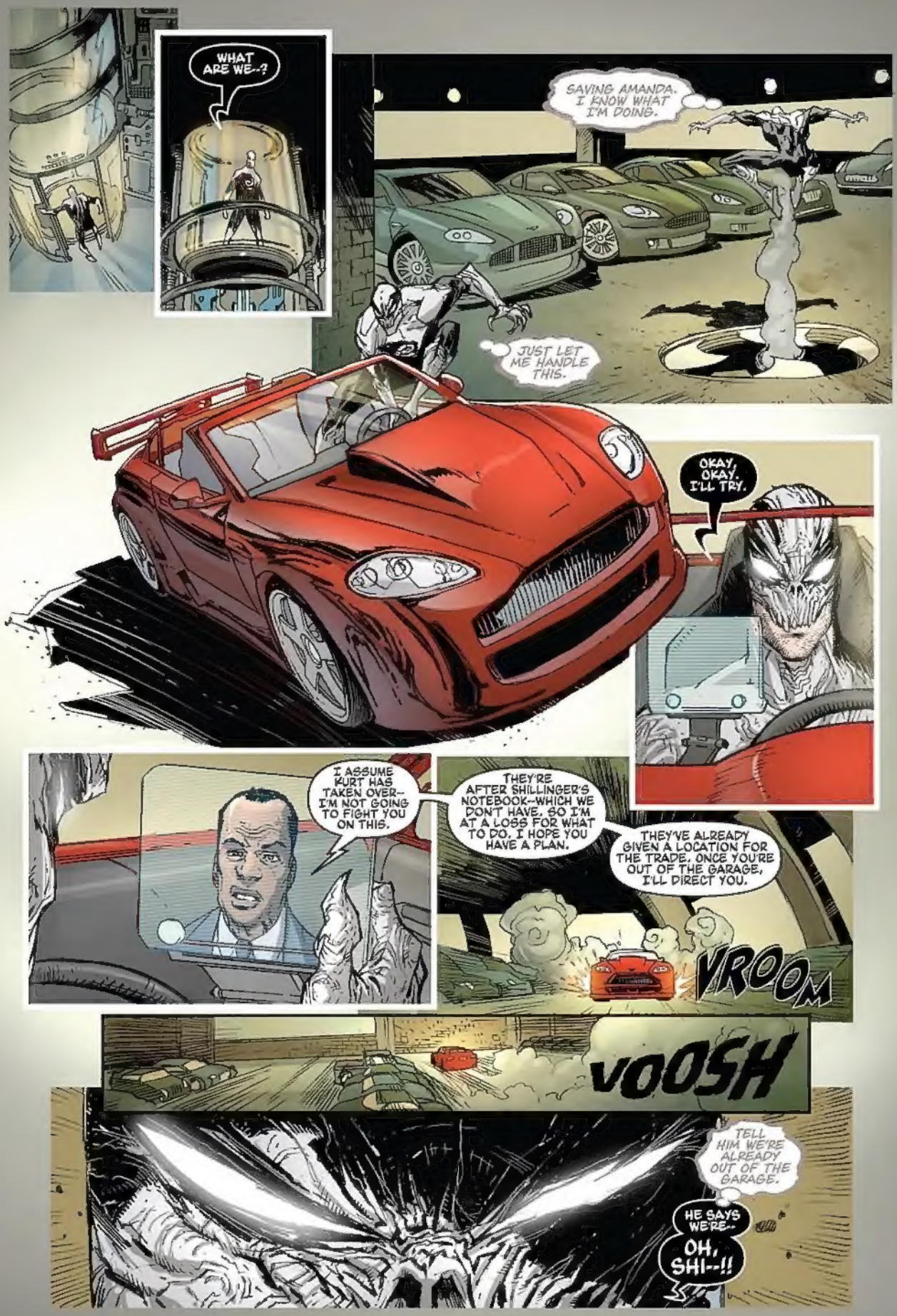
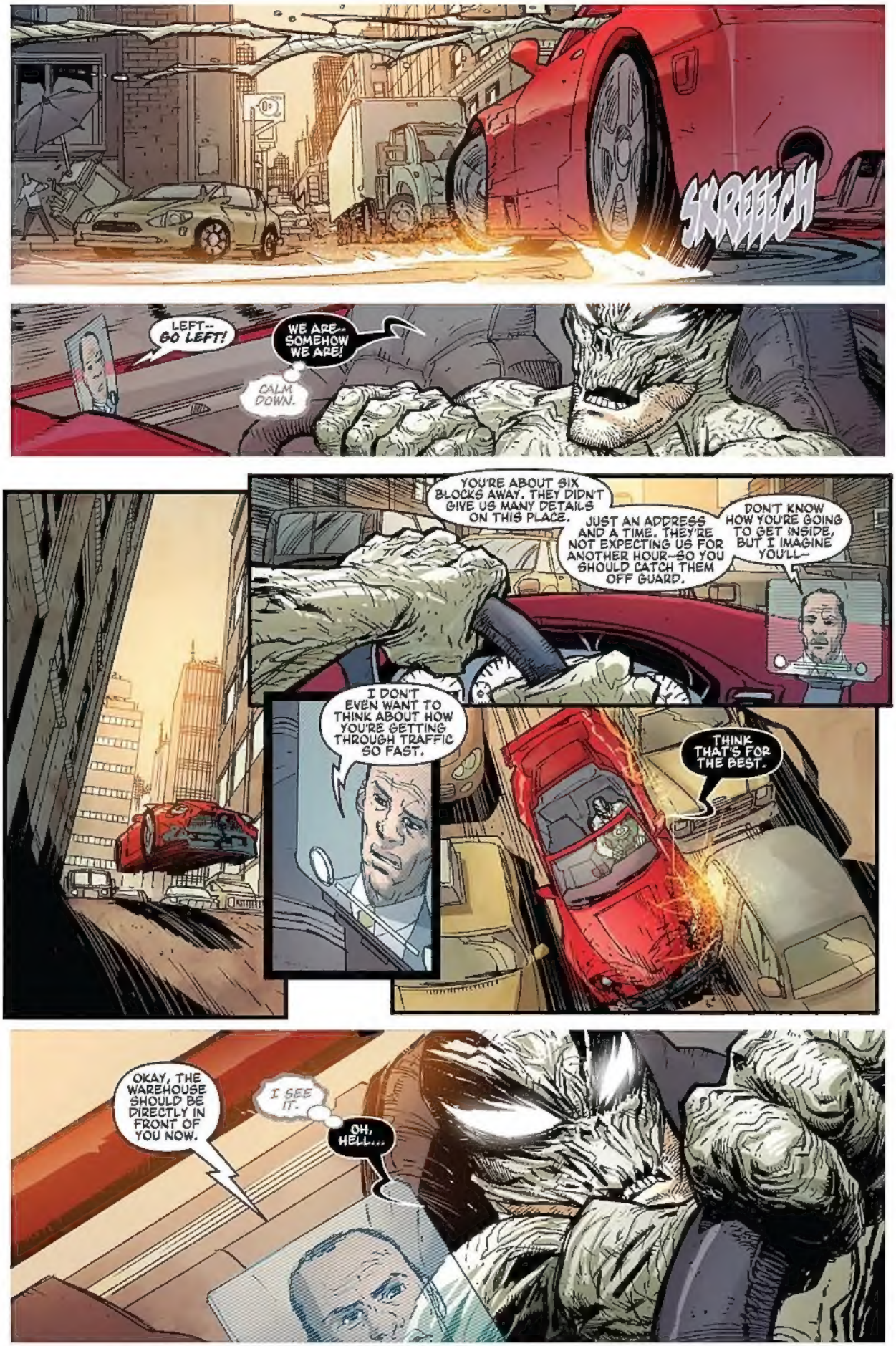
HELP! SOMEBODY HELP ME!
WHERE ARE WE GOING?!
SHUT UP AND STOP RESISTING!


WHAT ARE WE--?
SAVING AMANDA. I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.
JUST LET ME HANDLE THIS.
OKAY, OKAY. I'LL TRY.
I ASSUME KURT HAS TAKEN OVER--I'M NOT GOING TO FIGHT YOU ON THIS.
THEY'RE AFTER SHILLINGER'S NOTEBOOK--WHICH WE DON'T HAVE. SO I'M AT A LOSS FOR WHAT TO DO. I HOPE YOU HAVE A PLAN.
THEY'VE ALREADY GIVEN A LOCATION FOR THE TRADE. ONCE YOU'RE OUT OF THE GARAGE, I'LL DIRECT YOU.
VROOM
VOOSH
TELL HIM WE'RE ALREADY OUT OF THE GARAGE.
HE SAYS WE'RE--
OH, SHI--!!

SKROOM
DOES THIS CAR FLY?!
TELL ME THIS CAR FLIES!
RELAX YOUR MUSCLES SO I CAN DO THIS OR I WILL BREAK YOUR ARMS!
NNGGG.
THUNK


SKREEECH
LEFT--GO LEFT!
WE ARE--SOMEHOW WE ARE!
CALM DOWN.
YOU'RE ABOUT SIX BLOCKS AWAY. THEY DIDN'T GIVE US MANY DETAILS ON THIS PLACE.
JUST AN ADDRESS AND A TIME. THEY'RE NOT EXPECTING US FOR ANOTHER HOUR--SO YOU SHOULD CATCH THEM OFF GUARD.
DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET INSIDE, BUT I IMAGINE YOU'LL--
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT HOW YOU'RE GETTING THROUGH TRAFFIC SO FAST.
THINK THAT'S FOR THE BEST.
OKAY, THE WAREHOUSE SHOULD BE DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF YOU NOW.
I SEE IT.
OH, HELL...

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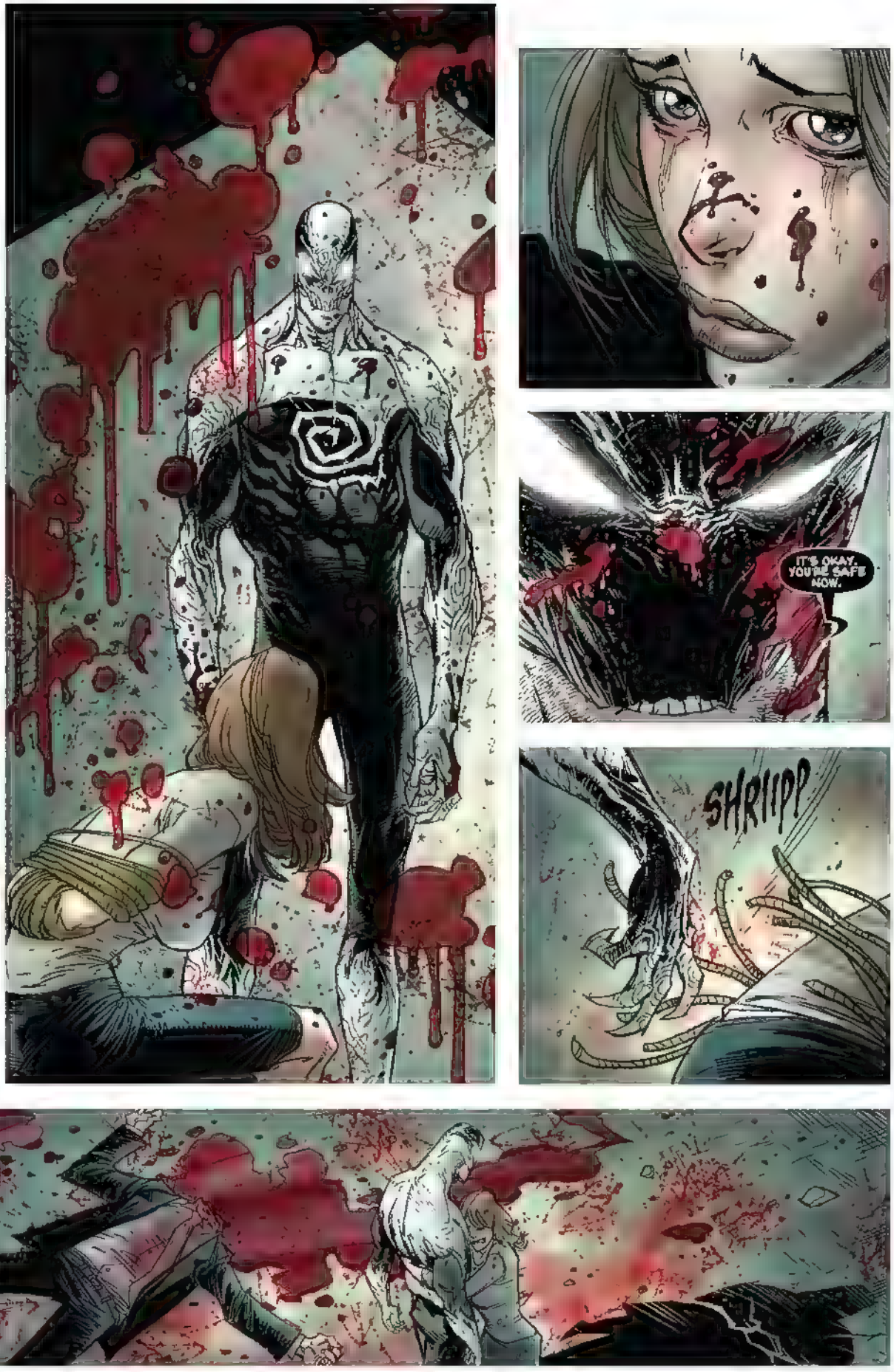
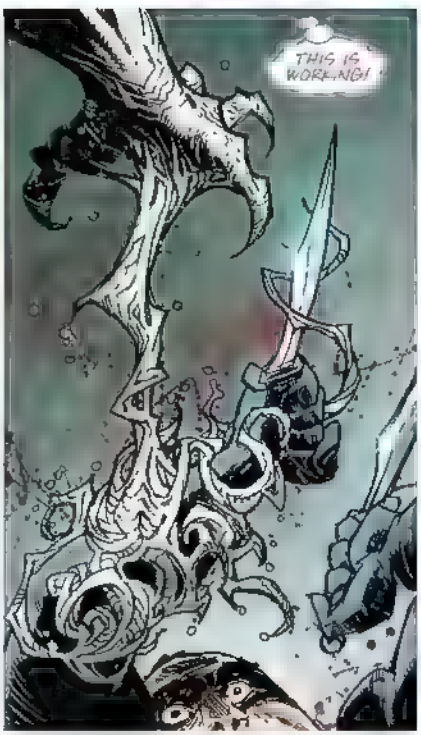

IT'S OKAY. YOU'RE SAFE NOW.
SHRIIP!

THANK YOU.
THESE MEN--THEY WERE--
THEY--
OH, GOD.
WHAT--WHAT ARE YOU?
WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
THEY SAID THEY WERE LOOKING FOR A NOTEBOOK--SAID I HAD IT. I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
TELL HER--
THIS WAS ALL JUST A MISUNDERSTANDING. IT WAS A MIX-UP. IT WASN'T YOU THEY WERE AFTER.
THEY--

LOOK OUT!
YOU AGAIN?
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HIM.
YES... ME! AND I'LL KILL YOU THIS TIME, FREAK!
NO, YOU WON'T.
SHIFF
NNNG!

AAIIEEE!
WHUDD

AMANDA!
GET OUT OF HERE!
YOU'RE GETTING THE HANDS OF THIS
AND I'VE WITH THESE
NO! YOU'RE NOT YOU'RE ACTUALLY HELPING ME


THIS IS WORKING!

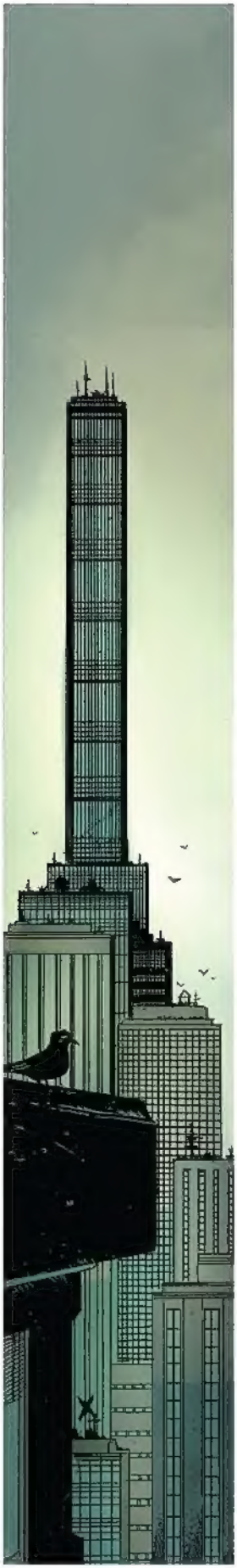
THIS CRAP?! THIS ISN'T EVEN GOING TO SLOW ME DOWN!
SVSSH
PSSSSSSSS
WHOOK!!
YOU THINK I CAN'T BEAT YOU-- THINK YOUR POWERS ARE SOMETHING SPECIAL?! I'VE KILLED MORE POWERFUL AGENTS THAN YOU!
I CAN MURDER YOUR KIND IN MY SLEEP!
WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHY ARE WE SO SLOW?
TIRED...
WEAK...
THIS ISN'T GOING TO WORK-- COBRA IS TOO FAST, TOO DEADLY. I'M SORRY I GOT YOU INTO THIS, DANIEL
I DON'T THINK I CAN BEAT HIM.

SVAAGG
NGGH.
HNG...
THAT'S ALL I'VE GOT...
IF HE TURNS AROUND...
CAN'T-

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I TOLD YOU TO RUN!
YOU NEEDED HELP.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME— FEELING WEAK—SICK DON'T—
UNG...
IT'S OKAY, THE MAN LEFT... SAVE YOUR STRENGTH. WE'RE—
UH...
IT'S OKAY, WE'RE THE GOOD GUYS.
HELP.
WHUDD

HE'S WAKING UP.
WHERE AM I?
WHERE'S AMANDA?
YOU'RE BACK AT HQ. AMANDA'S IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY UNTIL WE KNOW SHE IS SAFE. WE TOLD HER THIS WAS ALL A MISUNDERSTANDING--SHE WAS SOMEHOW TARGETED BY MISTAKE.
SHE STILL HAS NO CLUE WHAT KURT ACTUALLY DID FOR A LIVING. I'D PREFER TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.
SHE DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU.
IT SEEMS THIS ORDEAL WASN'T AS TRAUMATIC FOR HER AS ONE WOULD SUSPECT. SHE'S A STRONG WOMAN.

WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?
I'M FEELING BETTER NOW--BUT WHAT WAS THAT?
I WOULDN'T TRY TO STAND YET, MISTER KILGORE.
WE'RE STILL AT A LOSS TO EXPLAIN IT BUT THE IRON LEVELS IN YOUR BLOOD WERE SEVERELY DEPLETED, YOUR LUNGS WEREN'T ABSORBING ENOUGH OXYGEN, YOUR BLOOD SUGAR WAS INCREDIBLY LOW WHEN YOU WERE BROUGHT IN.
YOUR SYSTEM WAS EXTREMELY DRAINED--BUT EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE SLOWLY RETURNING TO NORMAL NOW.
NEAR AS WE CAN TELL--THAT SUIT YOU FORM IS DRAINING YOU. I WOULD ADVISE AGAINST LONG-TERM USE OF IT.
DANIEL, I KNOW YOU'VE GOT A LOT ON YOUR MIND RIGHT NOW--BUT THIS ALL HINGES ON THAT NOTEBOOK, SHILLINGER'S NOTES, RECORDS OF HIS EXPERIMENTS.
WE NEED IT, THEY'RE AFTER IT. NO ONE CONNECTED TO KURT IS GOING TO BE SAFE UNTIL WE LOCATE IT.
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING?
NOTHING.
KURT DOESN'T EVEN KNOW. I'VE ASKED.
NOBODY KNOWS WHERE IT IS.

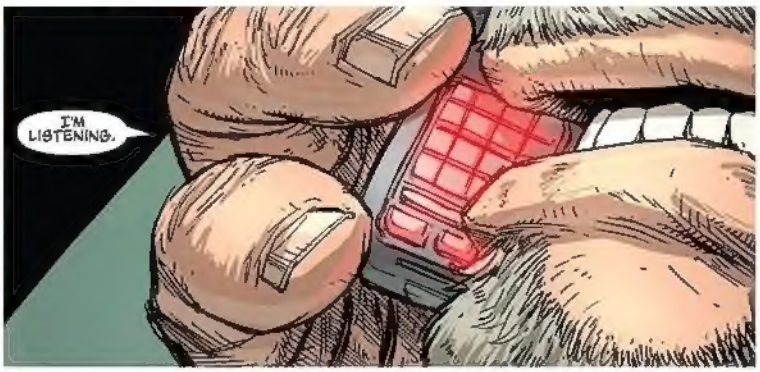


HOW LONG WILL HE BE CONSCIOUS?
WE'RE UNCERTAIN, MISTER HURG. HE'S SUSTAINED CONSIDERABLE FACIAL DAMAGE. HE WILL BE UNABLE TO SPEAK, BUT FOR A FEW MOMENTS AT LEAST, HE CAN LISTEN.

THAT WILL BE ENOUGH.
I DO NOT APPRECIATE FAILURE, MISTER COBRA. I HOPE THAT YOU DO RECOGNIZE THAT AFTER YEARS OF LOYAL SERVICE, THESE LAST FEW DAYS YOU'VE FAILED ME TWICE.
I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL I SHOULD HAVE LEFT YOU TO DIE.

NEVERTHELESS, HERE YOU ARE. I HAVE MADE A CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT IN YOU, AND I PLAN TO RECOUP THAT INVESTMENT.
BUT DON'T CONSIDER THIS A SECOND CHANCE, MY FRIEND. MAKE NO MISTAKE, THIS IS YOUR *LAST* CHANCE.

FURTHERMORE, YOU'RE CHOLESTEROL IS THROUGH THE ROOF. WERE YOU AWARE OF THAT?
YOUR HEALTH IS NOT SOMETHING TO BE IGNORED. YOU'RE AN ASSASSIN, TRUE, BUT I DOUBT YOU PLAN TO DO THAT FOREVER. DO YOU WANT YOUR BODY FAILING YOU IN YOUR GOLDEN YEARS?
YOU NEED TO EAT MORE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, LESS RED MEAT. AND FOR GOD'S SAKE, STAY AWAY FROM FAST FOOD.



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